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SUBJECT: US-SPANISH COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 12 -- PERMANENT
SECRETARIES REPORT

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF REPORT OF THE
PERMANENT SECRETARIES TO THE COUNCIL, WHICH WOULD
SERVE TO TRANSMIT TO THE COUNCIL THE FIVE JOINT
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND THE PRELIMINARY REPORT OF
THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO.
THIS DRAFT IS AD REFERENDUM TO HIGHER AUTHORITY
ON BOTH SIDES.

2. THE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS TWO MATTERS WHICH
SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED
THE SPANISH SIDE WILL WISH TO RAISE IN THE
COUNCIL MEETING:

(A) THE WORK OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, AND
(B) COORDINATION WITH NATO.

WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER, SEE SEPTEL CONTAINING
THE SPANISH DRAFT OF THE REPORT TO THE COUNCIL BY
THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO.
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3. ALSO HIGHLIGHTED, AT U.S. INITIATIVE, IS
THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMBINED
MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF.

4. BEGIN TEXT:

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL FROM
THE PERMANENT SECRETARIES

SINCE THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION CAME INTO EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, COOPERATION HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING BOTH IN THE CREATION OF THE CONSIDERABLE STRUCTURE PROVIDED FOR IN THE TREATY AND IN THE CARRYING OUT OF THE TASKS ASSIGNED TO THE SEVERAL JOINT COMMITTEES BY THE TREATY.

THE ONLY MAJOR BODY PROVIDED FOR IN THE TREATY WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN INAUGURATED IS THE COMBINED MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF. ITS INAUGURATION AWAITS THE PREPARATION IN MADRID OF AN ADEQUATE SITE, WHICH WILL ALSO SERVE FOR THE USE OF THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMITTEES. THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE SHORTLY THAT SUCH A SITE HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

APPENDED ARE REPORTS FROM THE SEVERAL JOINT COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL ON THEIR ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS A PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO WHICH WAS REQUESTED BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING AT THE LEVEL OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ON FEBRUARY 9. THESE REPORTS DO NOT RAISE MAJOR ISSUES WHICH REQUIRE DECISION BY THE COUNCIL AT THIS TIME.

HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION IS INVITED TO

--THE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO;

--THE CONCERN OF THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE THAT THAT COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS BE INTENSIFIED; AND

--THE VIEWS OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE REGARDING THE PROSPECTS FOR EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMBINED MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF.

THE PERMANENT SECRETARIES ALSO WISH TO DRAW TO THE ATTENTION
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OF THE COUNCIL THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WHICH WILL INVOLVE A MUCH BROADER SPECTRUM OF SPANISH PARTICIPATION THAN WAS THE CASE UNDER PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS. NO SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS HAVE BEEN INCURRED THUS FAR IN THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES. THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT ITSELF HAS FUNCTIONED BY DRAWING ON THE NORMAL RESOURCES OF THE MILITARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IN MADRID.

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